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VISITING RIVERSIDE

## Jesse Jackson Warns of "Economic Tsunami" in the Housing Market

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RIVERSIDE

Story and Photos by Lynn Lee

Just one week after Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger visited Riverside, Rev. Jesse Jackson stopped by on Sunday to meet with homeowners, housing advocates, religious and civic leaders to promote Rainbow PUSH's campaign to end what he calls an "economic tsunami" of foreclosures across the country.

"Two million homes, nationwide, will be at risk of foreclosure by 2008," said Rev. Jackson at a press conference held

at the Fair Housing Council of Riverside County. Jackson was flanked by Mayor of Riverside Ron Loveridge and Director of Fair Housing Rose Mayes.

"The sub-prime mortgage crisis is not just affecting homeowners. The resulting decline in property values will undermine local budgets and services, and hurt the overall economy," said Rev. Jackson.

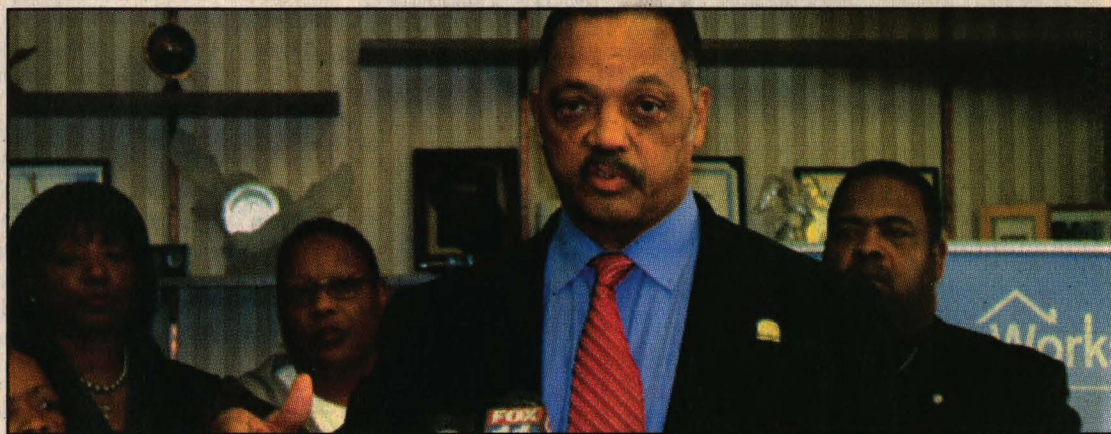
"We must provide a solution that restructures, not repossesses - a U.S. Government-sponsored Marshall Plan. We helped the farmers to help the economy. We bailed out the S&L's. Now it's time to save the American Dream and

help homeowners. Unless we act, the crisis will continue to snowball, shattering the American Dream," he continued.

Rev. Jackson explained that his visit is also a part of his attempt to build a "chain," connecting various groups around an issue that transcends the walls that divide. He envisions Riverside as a part of a national network of action in the foreclosure crisis.

On January 5-9, Operation PUSH will be hosting a Wall Street Summit to discuss restructuring loans for the victims of sub-prime loans.

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Rev. Jesse Jackson recently spoke in Riverside on the crisis facing the housing market

CARTER: "This is a historic bipartisan effort"

### Assembly Passes Healthcare Reform Package

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RIVERSIDE

By Chris Levister

After a special session, and nearly a year of often tortuous negotiations the state Assembly on Monday approved a massive health care reform plan that will expand coverage to nearly 70 percent of the state's uninsured and require most California's to buy health insurance by 2010.

Lawmakers approved the \$14.4 billion plan on a party-line, 45-31 vote.

"Fundamentally, health care is a right and not a privilege, and it ought to be affordable to everyone," Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez, the bill's author, told his colleagues before they cast their votes.

Funding for the health care package relies on fees imposed on hospitals and employers, as well as boosting the tax on cigarettes. If the plan is passed by the Senate, it will go to voters in November 2008.

It would represent the largest healthcare overhaul undertaken by any state if voters give their approval.

"This is a historic bipartisan effort"

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### McDonald Appointed to CCC's

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SACRAMENTO



Bobbie McDonald

Robert V. McDonald, 60, of Anaheim Hills, has been appointed to the California Community Colleges Board of Governors. Since 1998, he has served as president and executive director for the Black Chamber of Commerce of Orange County. From 1993 to 1998, McDonald was a partner of W. Davis and Associates, a manufacturers' representative group. Prior to that, he worked for the Keds Corporation from 1991 to 1993 and from 1975 to 1980, where he held positions in sales and marketing. From 1987 to 1990, McDonald was an account executive and college book store specialist for United Stationers/Micro United. Prior to that, McDonald worked for Adidas from 1980 to 1984. His experience includes two years as an assistant basketball coach at California State University, Fullerton. McDonald served in the U.S. Navy from 1965 to 1968. He is a member of the California Cultural Historical Endowment.

#### NEXT WEEK:

Richard Cole, the history of a strong Black male. Services for Audi Rabb will be held at St. Paul AME in San Bernardino on 12/21/07 @ 10:00am

"EITHER POLICE DON'T KNOW OR THEY DON'T CARE"

## Westside Residents Air Concerns, Solutions to Strained Police Relations



U.S. Department of Justice Mediator, Elisa Makunga got an earful about alleged police misconduct and strained police relations from residents of San Bernardino's westside. The meeting comes as the city prepares to expand its crime-fighting Operation Phoenix program.

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SAN BERNARDINO

By Chris Levister

On the eve of a U.S. Justice Department report showing police brutality cases rising 25 percent

nationally since 2002, residents of San Bernardino's predominately Black Westside packed into a standing room only meeting to

air their grievances against police and work toward improving police/community relations.

"Seething", is how Mardla McKenzie, described the crowd gathered Monday night at the New Hope Family Center on Highland.

"They either don't know or they don't care," said McKenzie one of about 80 Westside residents who took part in a 'no holds barred' often

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## IE Companies Come Together To Benefit Fire Victims



L to R: Jim Erickson, Pres. Community Foundation; Riverside Mayor Ron Loveridge; Lea Petersen, Gas Co Public Affairs Mgr; Riverside Fire Chief Urban Search & Rescue David Lesh; Steve Dunivin Gas Co District Operations Mgr; Craig Blunden, Provident Bank & Pres. Greater Riverside Chamber;

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RIVERSIDE

By Anna Wenger

The City of Riverside, Southern California Gas Company, The

Community Foundation, and the Riverside Convention Center and other major corporations came together in support of a Luncheon Fundraiser benefiting the recent fire

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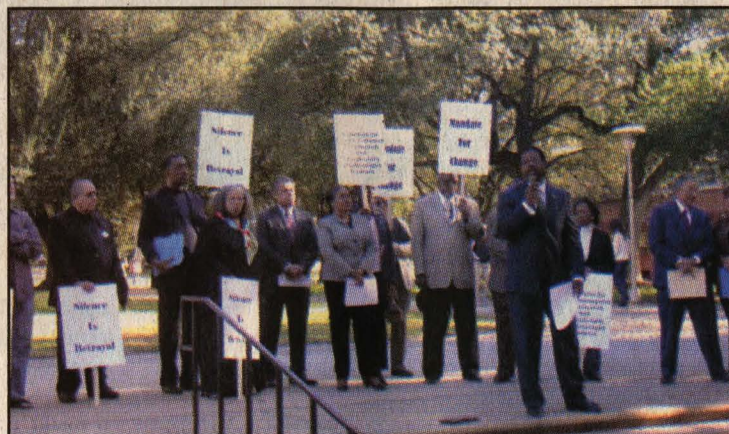
## Minority Coalition Backs UCR Medical School - With Caution

Insisting that inclusion matters, a coalition of African-American, Latino, and Native-American healthcare providers, educators, business leaders and residents stepped to the line in support of UC Riverside's planned medical school, but cautioned that concerns linger about the school's commitment to diversity.

"A community-based medical school without community involvement is like the doctor who can make the diagnosis but lacks the skill to treat the patient," members of the United Community Coalition said during a news conference held on the steps of UCR's Hinderaker Hall of Administration Wednesday.

"Today we are gathered in support of the new school of medicine because we believe that with the proper vision and mission the school will produce a health care workforce rich in diversity capable of remedying the needs of the underserved," said Dr. A.J. Rogers, a surgeon and president of the Vines Medical Society.

While members went on record supporting the medical school they made it clear that they want the administration



Members of the United Community Coalition gathered on the steps of UC Riverside in an unprecedented show of support for the university's planned medical. Dr. A.J. Rogers, a local surgeon and president of the Vines Medical Society spoke during a news conference of inland minority leaders calling on UCR to stand by its commitment to diversity for students and faculty.

and the UC Regents to be held accountable for upholding the California Legislative Mandate to train a "diverse workforce of physicians" and improve the "health of the medically under-

served in the region."

Recent efforts by Deloitte Consulting, a company hired by the university to oversee planning for the school backfired when a representative

proposed a revision in the mission statement that excluded the reference "underserved."

"That set off a lot of bells because the mission statement is a contract with the community," said Dr. Ernest Levister, a San Bernardino internist and cardiologist.

"We urge Acting Chancellor Robert Gray to stand tough in protecting the medical school's mission statement to train a diverse workforce of physicians and to improve the health of the region's medically underserved," said Levister.

Gray attributed the proposed change to a misunderstanding on the consultant's part saying it was a mistake to tinker with the wording. In a written statement Gray welcomed the coalition's support and concern saying, "Together with our community partners, we are working hard to fulfill the medical school's stated mission."

"The future health of the people of California, as well as the health of our state's economy will be driven by a culturally competent, language proficient health care workforce," said retired dentist, Dr. Manuela Sosa.

"Planning a medical school relies on knowledge, skills and attitudes, but like the arrogant expert or the compassionate fool these characteristics can be very dangerous in isolation," said Levister.

Day after day we see the kinds of problems that need serious attention, said San Bernardino family practice physician Dr. Michael D. Silvas. "It is well established that health care providers that come from minority communities are most likely the ones to return to serve that community. We fully expect that UCR will honor its commitment to make openings for students to this end."

"We recognize disparities result from inadequate numbers of culturally appropriate providers. Disparities occur from a lack of access to care and the lack of adequate research and development in scientific areas thereby affecting African-Americans, Latinos and Native Americans in alarming proportions," said Dr. Rogers.

"As we look out in the community at the faces that look like me, may we also

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RECLAIMING THE ROOTS OF CHRISTMAS

## Local Pastor Remembers a Season for Slavery's Children

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SAN BERNARDINO

By Chris Levister

It's a holiday known as much for shopping as the birth of the Christ child. Christmas is a mix of the old and the new of surprisingly recent traditions and history that goes back thousands of years.

We've all heard the biblical origins of Christmas. In early times, many pagan-related celebrations took place, mainly in Europe. The idea to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ was not considered until the fourth century, when Pope Julius I declared Dec. 25 as the official birth of Christ.

Sometimes the meaning of Christmas gets lost in the shuffle. People judge the importance of the holiday by how many gifts they receive, how much food they consume and how many parties they attend.

But says, the Reverend Paul Munford, M.Div. since the days of slavery, Christmas in Black America has been a sacred time of rededication to the spirit of truth and freedom.

"One reason the birth of Jesus is important to us as Black people is because it celebrates and reminds us of the challenge and the call of emancipation. The other reason we identify so strongly with the story is because of what it says to us. Jesus is a gift to the world not from aristocracy or from the elite but from the loins of a poor family," said Munford, pastor of New Joy Baptist Church in Riverside.

"Mary, pregnant, had to walk and ride a donkey many miles over unpaved roads. And when she got to the inn, the innkeeper told her there was no room. Mary was forced to go out back and give birth to her child. From the humble beginnings of a manger Jesus became the liberator."

The great message of that event for Black people Munford says is that even in the face of adversity and oppression there is hope.

"We who still believe, we who rose from shacks and mangers and places where there was no room and became mayors, senators, Kings and liberators are called upon to renew ourselves for a new season of hope. Jesus' birth in crude conditions signaled our freedom and our future hope."

Munford urges Black people to teach their children about the compassion of Jesus.

"Matthew 9:36 teaches us, .....when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, spiritually, starving, as sheep having no shepherd."

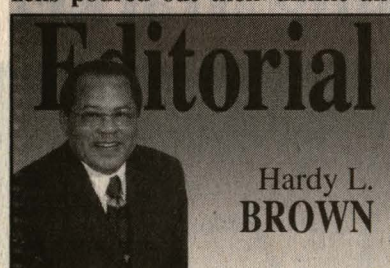
We gather as family on Christmas, day - no matter how elegant or how extended or how limited. Just as

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## Police Chief Should Use "Suppressive" Discipline on Officers

Last week I wrote that the real losers in the recent San Bernardino election were the San Bernardino Police Association and its members. This was bore out at a community meeting held Monday night at the New Hope Community Center where citizens poured out their dislike and distrust to the U. S. Justice



Hardy L. BROWN

Department, some families even expressed a real hate for the police. There have been at least eight fatal police shootings of citizens this year and earlier this year the courts ruled against the police in the shooting and killing of

Frank Ingram, III. I am aware of this case because the police department listened in on one of our conversations when we talked with Ingram's family members during a phone interview while completing a story on the shooting. I have known his family and extended family for over 40 years.

With this latest tide of officer involved shootings, the police did not do themselves any favors when they went in and roughed up citizens while they were praying over the death of a neighbor. The city administration is not doing themselves any favors by saying to the community they are investigating the matter but not reporting any progress of the investigation. To me, and the community, this is a mistake on their part and can be viewed as a cover up of perceived police brutality and abuse. I would suggest to the police chief not to become tainted by the improper action of rogue police officers who hate and dislike Black and Latino citizens. I've done investigations all of my life and when the news is unfavorable, you drag it out until you believe the climate has changed and people have forgotten. In this case we have been wronged for so often and so long that in the words of poet James Weldon Johnson, "the angry only boils and festers while rising only to bust and contaminate everything around it." I urge the mayor, city council, police commission, police chief, police association and decent officers to come forth with a report to the people in early January. I would also suggest the police chief use "suppressive" type discipline on the unfit officers just like they want to do to the community. I am sure the chief knows which officers are unfit to be out in the field representing the department. If he doesn't, the citizens of the community will be more than happy to share the names with him, just as they did at the meeting on Monday. The scriptures tell us to use the type of discipline we want to use on others which is what the rank and file officers want to do to the community.

The community has been patient with the department while suffering abuse by officers who took an oath to protect and serve. They have been patient to pay the salary of officers who do not even have the decency or respect to live or invest part of their salary back into the community. Now I have heard arguments that we cannot demand our officers to live in the city they work. Well, we require the mayor, council members, city attorney, city clerk, school board members, county board of supervisors, state and federal representatives to live in the districts they represent; perhaps police should have that same requirement. We pay their salaries with taxes. It is a proven fact that people treat their neighbors different than they do strangers.

One thing became crystal clear from the meeting and that is the community is fed up with the outlandish behavior of the police department and something has to be done other than we will investigate the matter.

## Richard Cole: Another Civil Rights Warrior Called Home

It seems that as we get older God has a tendency to pluck flowers out of the garden more often than when we are young. This past week he reached down and picked Richard Cole out of the Inland Empire. Richard was not only big in stature, but he left a legacy of doing well toward others. I had heard of Richard before getting started on one of my political campaigns back in the early 70's. My pastor at the time, Rev. Albert Carter, had encouraged me to seek the council seat and so had several others. After I agreed to do so I met with Richard Cole, Bob Parker, Valerie Polk Ludlum, Wesley Jefferson, John Dukes and several others up at the San Hi Bowling Alley where some task assignments would be laid out. Richard Cole took on the several assignments: fundraising and picture taking. He immediately got on the phone to get the labor organization to endorse and give money and said, "Hardy I will meet you at your office and home to shoot pictures." Not only did he do that but he organized a parade through the community with a loud speaker blasting. He also took me to the Elks and had Alonzo Thompson introduce me as a candidate.

One of the things Richard could do and do very well, was disrupting meetings. He said that CORE had taught him that tactic, and he would not do it often but only when necessary.

It is interesting that I got to work with Richard and now his son Randy works with our children in the arts. His legacy continues.

## Have a Merry Christmas

Whatever you do, please do not forget the reason for this season. Instead of saying "Merry Christmas," we have seen people and companies use "Merry Xmas and Happy Holidays." Our schools now call Christmas Break, Winter Break in order to be politically correct and not offend those who do not believe in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I do not force my Christ on anyone but only pay tribute to Him for being born to save me so that I can have everlasting life. I have many friends who do not share that belief yet we still remain friends and will forever. I also have friends who do share that belief and live as though they do not believe and we too will remain friends forever. One thing I like about my Lord is he does not force anyone to worship or defend Him. When Peter wanted to fight the soldiers on His behalf, Jesus had Peter put away his sword. When He was being crucified he did not defend Himself nor did he force His position on anyone. He wants us share with others what he has done for us and what He can do for them. So have a Merry Christmas from me to you.

## The Green Valley Initiative: Opportunity Takes Root in the Inland Empire

Imagine the Inland Empire for what it could be: a progressive region, with people working together to bring about a higher quality of life.

Imagine a new standard of living that includes:

- Shorter commutes, so that parents can come home to have dinner with their children
- Cleaner air, to help reduce the asthma and allergy rates among our children
- Higher-paying jobs, to boost the affluence of the region and the career opportunities of the people who live here

The effort to get there has already begun. On October 22, the Green Valley Initiative put recommendations for a plan before the counties and the state to bring balanced housing and jobs so people can work closer to home, to encourage smart infrastructure to make getting around a lot easier and to educate the public - and best of all, our children - to be sensitive to the



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environment when making choices in their lives.

During this meeting Bridgett Luther, Director of the California Department of Conservation, announced that the Inland Empire has been chosen to host a pilot recycling program, giving proof that green practices will soon become a way of life for the region.

The dual-county economic development plan is designed to stimulate an economy built on green technologies. Similar to what happened with computers in

California's Silicon Valley, the Green Valley Initiative has plans to establish the Inland Empire as the nation's leader in renewable energies, green building materials, alternative transportation options and alternative fuels.

Our region is the ideal place for this to happen. An unprecedented 2 million people will move into the area in the next 15 years, bringing with them a need for new buildings, new roads, new schools and a new perspective on our future.

We are located close to interstate free-

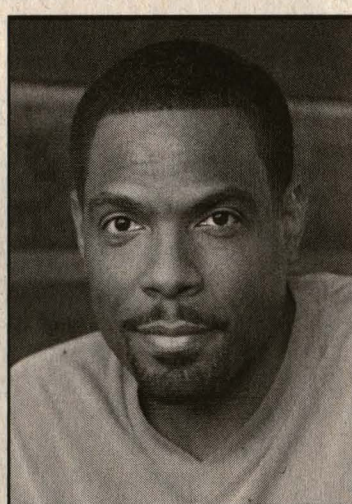
ways, rail, international airports and harbors that can support businesses here. We have the consumer base and workforce to feed a thriving green economy.

Some green companies already established in the Inland Empire include: Kramer Junction Solar Farms, Phoenix Electric Car company, the Palm Springs Wind Farms, and a waste-to-energy plant at Romoland, to name a few.

With the work of dozens of stakeholders: from mayors of cities to county supervisors, environmental groups, financial and economic development experts, representatives of the region's cultural and educational institutions, and community members, we can clean up our region and attract businesses with high-paying jobs, products and services related to environmentally based technologies.

We invite everyone to get involved. For more information visit [www.GreenValleyNow.org](http://www.GreenValleyNow.org)

## Hard Headed Hip-hop



Patricia Wiggins

It is often jarring when the cleanliness of theory meets the messiness of reality. Such was the source of the recent smack in the face I received when I purchased one of my sons a MP3 player for his birthday. All of my neat theories about keeping the evil rap music at bay head first into the hard reality that this is the music of young people and my son is, well, young. The very first songs he

asked to download onto his music player were from someone calling himself Mims, who like so many of these young men has a penchant for grabbing his crotch and another character calling himself Soulja Boy.

I know. Hip-hop is the great cultural unifier bringing all nations together under one groove. From France to Timbuktu, kids are waving their hands up high and wearing their pants down low; they are keeping it real and speaking the language of Rap, the vernacular of the streets. "Look out whitey! Hip-hop gonna get your momma!" What more proof do you need than the fact that the movement has swept into white middle class homes?

Hurrah for hip-hop!

An associate of mine was visiting American troops in Bosnia. As he walked down the street, a young Yugoslav boy greeted him with a jolly, "what up my N---?"

As Flip Wilson might have remarked: "So after the fight..."

In all fairness, no cultural movement is perfect. Still one has to wonder if a movement whose greatest claim to fame is baggy pants and teaching the world to

use a pejorative term with such nonchalance ought not pause to reconsider the values it is espousing.

But the cleanliness of theory is no match for messy reality. This is the music young people are listening to; it is the language of "what's happenin' now." And as much as I may dislike it, many of the movement's ambassadors are characters like Mims grabbing his crotch and bragging: "this is why I'm hot. This is why you're not!" And Soulja Boy imploring us to watch him "superman dat #@." (What is happening now indeed! As opposed to what was happening then, you know like singing "everybody join hands and start a love train." Or sporting Afros and declaring, "Say it loud, I'm Black and I'm proud.") It is of little use to wonder about what should be. The reality is that as a parent, I must face head on the world as it is.

Alas for me. Either his mother or I must now approve all of the music that goes onto his device, which means we must listen to it first. It may be a sign of my old age, (although I think of it as evidence of my good taste in music) but after a few minutes of listening to this stuff, I am ready to pull my hair out one

gray strand at a time. Hip-hop has clearly been a boon to a lot of marginally talented people. In the spirit of keeping it real, stardom is no longer reserved for those that can sing, play an instrument, read and write music or those that have something interesting to say. Apparently, a penchant for shucking and jiving is the only requirement.

I remain hopeful, however. I am of the opinion that there is no amount of minstrelsy that cannot be cured by a healthy dose of the Isley Brothers. With that in mind, my wife and I have loaded our son's player with old school R&B. When he scrolls through his play list, in addition to the Isleys, there is Earth Wind and Fire, the O'Jays, Harold Melvin and a little Carlos Santana for flavor. We slipped in some Jackie Wilson, Marvin Gaye and no collection would be complete without the godfather himself, James Brown, who said, "Open up the window y'all. Let out some. Too funky in he'e!"

Joseph C. Phillips is the author of "He Talk Like A White Boy" available wherever books are sold.

## Promiscuous Sex Doesn't Cost Anything...But Your Life

By Bishop Noel Jones  
NNPA Special Commentary

When I was coming along, in Spanish Town, Jamaica, it was "If you get the girl pregnant..." Today, it is, "If you get a disease..."

So the whole thing has changed considerably. We have moved now from getting somebody pregnant to getting yourself killed.

Let's be serious. People are having sex. Black Americans have a responsibility to prevent anything that takes life. First, we need to talk about it. We need to deal with it. We need to shout it on the housetop.

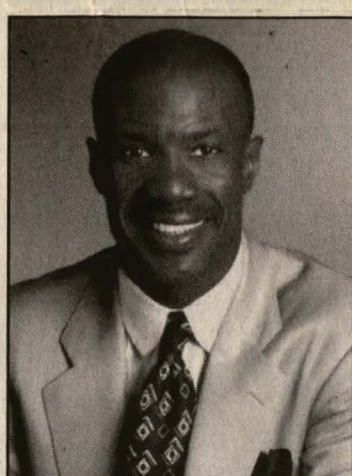
How serious is the epidemic of HIV/AIDS in the Black community? I am telling you it is extraordinarily SERIOUS. Of the 38,584 people diagnosed with HIV/AIDS in the U.S. three years ago, approximately half of them - 19,206 - were African-American, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This is outlandish for a race whose population of America is only 12 percent.

It has become this serious because for some reason Black folk do not want to use condoms. The sisters say they don't feel anything and the men, of course, do not want any kind of restriction. They just want to feel, and feel and feel. And the women want to feel and feel and feel.

Meanwhile, the disease is going rampant. There are people who are on the down low who are jumping between men and women with the homosexual thing, and now they are infecting the sisters just so drastically and crazily because nobody wants to be protected. The best thing is to be with one woman in a marriage and close the door on all of the promiscuous behavior.

If you are not going to do that, somebody at least needs to be protected. And I would say to a woman who does not know where her man is, and does not know what he is doing, protect yourself. If he insists on not using any protection, don't go with him. PERIOD! It is crazy what is going on here!

The church adamantly declares that to allow the use of condoms is to condone and even to promote illicit sexual activity. Come on. What about the woman



Bishop Noel Jones

who is married to a man, and is faithful to him and he is playing around? What about the man who is married to a woman who is playing around? Use a condom on suspicion, or would you rather die with the evidence? I would certainly give to my children different advice as a Pastor from the advice of a father.

We have to widen our scope and undo some of our traditional morals that have kept us bound. If you have a child who is running around, you have to change your attitude about whether or not to sanction the use of condoms. It seems to me, the most earnest Christian would at least want their children to stay alive long enough to be saved. If you have a child who is promiscuous, it is not about whether or not you are condoning their behavior. You know what they are doing. In that case, your commitment not to use condoms, give condoms or talk about condoms has got to increase to another level.

Finally, testing is crucial. I would not marry anybody if I were not going to go with them to be tested. We both need to be tested. End of story. Why? It's because I want some security if I am going into marriage.

Sexuality seems to overshadow our mindset and our thinking, making us irrational. As a result, people are dying everywhere. In Africa, men are raping young girls, thinking that if they go younger, it will heal the disease. It will never happen. We need some control. Just to say NO. People are not saying

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TO THE HIV/AIDS CRISIS AMONG AFRICAN AMERICANS

NO to sex. People are going to bed. Therefore, we need to talk about abstinence. We need to raise our boys as well

as our girls to say NO! NO! NO!

When we go to Africa with our teams and when we go into the inner-city in America where folk often don't have money, sex is recreation. It is pleasure. It is fun. It doesn't cost anything ... but your life.

Bishop Noel Jones is pastor of the City of Refuge Church in Gardena, Calif. near Los Angeles. For more on his views on dating, marriage and HIV/AIDS, visit [www.NoelJonesUncensored.com](http://www.NoelJonesUncensored.com).

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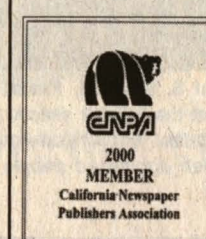
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## Our Bodies

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### When The Holidays Hurt

**Dear Dr. Levister:** I'm having trouble coping with the loss of my loving mother during this season of celebration. How can I get through my first Christmas without her? *Still Grieving*

**Dear Still Grieving:** For most of us, the holidays are a traditional time of giving, happiness and festivity. However for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one, the holidays can be a time of mixed emotions. There can be feelings of relief knowing a loved one is at peace, but there is also much pain and sometimes even guilt, because the season magnifies the sense of loss.

There are no quick fixes to getting past the hurt. Thankfully we can use the loving support of our friends and family and the passage of time to heal our broken hearts.

Take it slow. Remind yourself grieving is both healthy and normal. Have a family meeting to discuss the best way to deal with the holidays.

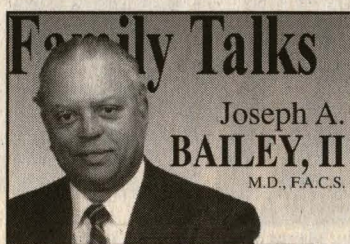
You might choose to honor your loved one by maintaining tradition. For example if he or she prepared a special Christmas meal or dish - try duplicating it. Turn the holiday family gathering into a celebration of life. With tears and laughter put up a tree, decorate the house inside and out, have a sing-along, attend a Christmas Eve or Christmas Day church service.

Rather than try to minimize the absence, remember the loved one who died by offering a moment of silence, light a candle in his or her memory or place his or her favorite ornament on the tree.

If you choose not to gather with family, opt for a cruise, a spa vacation or get yourself invited to a friend's home.

The holidays are also a perfect time to visit shut-ins or volunteer at a local homeless shelter. Don't feel you have to do it all. If you aren't ready to plunge into the usual festivities - decline gracefully.

Don't run away from grief, but don't sit at home in a pool of tears. Most people who are bereaved say the anticipation of the holiday is always worse than the holiday itself.



**Family Talks**  
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Because there are forms of competition that exist on all planes of existence and because some are good, transitional, good and bad, and bad, the word "competition" can not be properly defined. Put another way, "competition" is an Umbrella Word because too many different things are under its canopy. Competition may be with oneself; a striving with others; a striving against others; a striving for and against others; or a striving against which

something represents whether as a reality or as the shadow of something real, distorted, or fantasy. The world is so accustomed to thinking about competition as being "me against you" that the first of the subcategories of Competition is "Win-Lose." "Bad" shows in doing what it takes for me to win and for you to lose. To win I may be better skilled or cheat or tear you down so I will look good. It is seen in all sports (e.g. football, soccer). The rich say: "He who has the most toys wins." A "Good" is the example of striving against a reality which something represents as with Dr. M.L. King Jr. and Gandhi's *Active Non-Violent Resistance to Evil (or Offensive Non-Violence)* (being passive physically but strongly active spiritually). Its foundation is Unconditional Love for the Spirit within people but not for the evil

## Classification Of Competition

things they do (Bailey, Manhood, p192).

Second is "Lose-Lose" if I can not win, then I will not let you win. Such is seen in feuds or gang wars or the "crabs-in-a-barrel" type people. A complex example is those who strive against a real, distorted, or fantasy shadow which something represents. This is seen in children who completely/partially and improperly/perceive wrong doings by their parent. The resultant psychic trauma causes the child, now an adult, to "act out" hostility on that person's mate or child-as symbols of that person's abusive parent. Third is the "Loser"-based on the idea of "I'll show you how bad I am." To "win by losing", they undergo self-destructive practices of slow suicide, as in continuing to smoke while dying from emphysema. **Lose-Win** is being slave-like or a compul-

sive gambler who loses to winners. Heroes and heroines represent noble forms by self-sacrifice. The "Win and Lose" group is transitional in that they will do some striving together but within limits. If you do something they envy, they will try to tear you down. Or, winning creates losing, as happens with lotto winners who lose by poor money management or family fights.

Constructive Competition is done by "striving together" (an African Age-set concept) or striving for self-improvement. "Winners" are those who strive "everyday, in every way to get better and better" (Couve). This may be by practicing to fashion skills or practicing to go beyond the limits of ones skills. Some compete against their own reluctance not to be involved and to experience the pleasure of

simply being in the game. Some compete against their own record; some against the record of their top rival; some against the all-time record; some to establish a record never reached before. "Win-Win" people strive to help you as they help themselves- "I'll lift you as I climb." Happy couples strive together to make their marriage more important than they as individuals. Striving together in pleasure is done by mountain climbers who compete to overcome the obstacles the mountain presents. Performers who successfully compete for people's attention have a "Win-Win" experience. Winning in "Selfless Service" Competition is seen in those who strive to do all the good they can-the best they can-as fast as they can-and as long as they can.

### Holiday Safety Tips for Women Traveling Alone

to save Stanley 'Tookie' Williams from execution in December 2005).

Chessman was a 27-year-old parolee from Folsom Prison who had spent the better part of his adult life in and out of prison in January 1948 when he was arrested in Los Angeles as the Red-Light Bandit. The Bandit would approach victims parked in lonely spots, with a red light on the top of his car resembling that used by the police, and rob the victims -- sometimes taking the woman to another area and forcing her to perform sexual acts with him. Chessman was captured, convicted, and sentenced to death. Then began a 12-year struggle by Chessman to escape the gas chamber in San Quentin Prison. He wrote 4 books in his own defense (a lot of convicts write books while incarcerated and gain public sympathy). All of the books were very popular and

Chessman gained the support of a many celebrities even Rev. Billy Graham, Eleanor Roosevelt and countless other luminaries. Some of his books were even translated into other languages. They were to no avail, however, and after 8 stays of execution he was finally executed on May 2, 1960. Since the Chessman case, hundreds of rapes have been reported using the same M.O.

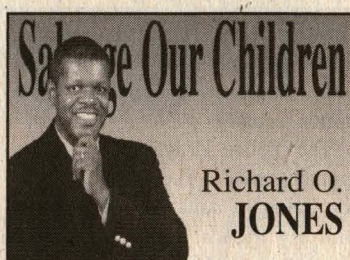
A spin-off of the red-light scheme is the bump and grab scheme. This occurs when a man sees a lone female driver in a secluded area usually at night and bumps the rear of her car. When she exits to assess the damage and exchange information, she's attacked, robbed, raped, or perhaps worse.

Seven tips for a woman driving alone at night to minimize the likelihood of a red-light bandit and/or the bump and grab scheme are as follows: (1) Always

carry an operable cell phone (2) Avoid secluded area as much as possible (3) if red-lighted or bumped in a secluded area at night, continue to drive until you get the 911 operator on the line and tell him or her your predicament (4) drive to a well-lit populated area before stopping unless 911 operator says differ (6) honk horn continuously to attract attention (7) intoxicated women are more vulnerable; therefore, don't drink or use

drugs especially when traveling alone. (8) if a uniformed man claims to be a policeman, ask to see ID even though he may wear a badge but still call 911 on your cell phone before he even approaches your car. The first thing to tell the 911 operator is your location, and ask him or her to stay on the line with you until you feel safe.

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**Save Our Children**  
Richard O.  
**JONES**

It's been in the news lately that fake police officers are pulling women over with red lights and sexually assaulting them. Over the years, there have been many cases like this, all copycats of a crime in 1948. The Caryl Chessman case, which eventually was a 1977 TV movie called, Kill Me If You Can, starring Alan Alda as Chessman. The Caryl Chessman case probably engendered more anti-capital punishment sentiment than any other case has, before or since (a hundred times more than the outcry

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remember that those faces looking back at us could very well be the future physicians of this country," said Mary Figueroa, co-chair of the Eastside Think Tank.

"The medical school effort as a

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storm victims of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. The \$20 per "All you can eat Buffet" attracted 350 guest and the monies raised will go directly to the immediate needs of clothing, food, and housing.

Sharon Sola-Ahluwalia, CMP Director of the Riverside Convention Center and brain child of the event said, "When the fires started, I reflected on Katrina and how the people didn't have the help they should so my staff and I decided that we should do what we could. We chose a luncheon, since most of the guest were going to lunch during the holidays anyway. One guest donated \$1,000 and others paid for tables for fire-fighters and we made money on door prizes."

According to Mayor Loveridge, "California firestorm had a devastating impact in our neighboring communities. I encourage residents

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moment for every Californian particularly for our low-income and disabled residents," said Assemblywoman, Wilmer Amina Carter, D-Rialto. Carter said many of the financing details remain unclear even as lawmakers were asked to vote on the bill, called the Health Care Security and Cost Reduction Act. She said those details will be addressed in the language of the ballot initiative that Democrats and Schwarzenegger are still negotiating.

Of the 5.1 million people who are considered permanently uninsured in California, 3.7 million would be covered under the plan, according to Nunez's office. That includes children from low-income families, employees at small businesses that cannot afford to provide health insurance and Californians with pre-

whole displays integrity only when its goals and objectives are congruent with the health needs and cultural milieu of the community it serves," said Woodie Rucker-Hughes, Eastside Think Tank co-chair and president of the Riverside NAACP.

Dr. V. Diane Woods, a UCR assistant research psychologist for public health and president of the African-American Health Institute of San Bernardino County echoed the coalition's caution-

in the region to continue demonstrating goodwill through collaborations with organizations like the Community Foundation. For families who lost their home in the fires, the struggle continues."

Others supporters of this event included David Lesh of Riverside Fire Chief Urban Search & Rescue; Steve Dunivin, Gas Co District Operations Mgr; Craig Blunden, Provident Bank & Pres. Greater Riverside Chamber; The United Way and The Red Cross, and Ali Sahabi, Owner of Do's Logos.

Lea Petersen, Public Affairs Manager of Southern California Gas Company said, "Some of our corporations are looking to "adopt a family programs". This is what The Gas Company is doing. Funds are divided and distributed among the victims for day to day needs for food and shelter. Once the media is gone, the help is gone and it takes years to recover.....Not only did these people lose their homes but their tools and their support groups because entire

existing medical conditions who have trouble finding coverage.

The Assembly leader struck an accord last week with Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who made health care reform his top policy priority this year and broke ranks with his own party to get it done.

"It is time for the people to stop living in fear of losing their medical coverage, of living in fear that they are literally one hospital stay away from having to file personal bankruptcy," Schwarzenegger said at a news conference after the Assembly vote, surrounded by Democratic lawmakers.

Members of his own party, health insurance companies and business groups criticized the proposal, in part because they say it relies on risky funding sources. They also said it penalizes California employers.

The tobacco tax would bring in about one-tenth of the health care program's funding, but critics said

any message.

"There is a perception among us and a common mantra among disadvantaged people in the Inland community: 'We have not been included.'"

Woods urged UCR to embrace diversity by involving ethnic minorities in major decisions involving the medical school including selection of the founding dean.

UCR can and must do better says Dennis Lopez whose daughter is a UCR neighborhoods are gone.

Jim Erickson, President Community Foundation said, "The Mayors of the various cities ask me to coordinate the drive for the fire relief fund, a little over a million dollars, and I have tried to send more back to the rim communities which includes about 450 families who lost their homes. Jim said he wanted to commend Sharon for putting on the Luncheon because it is an ongoing challenge and the Foundation still needs help."

"This is the beginning of a long term business commitment to help the residents of the Inland Empire that have been affected re-establish themselves. He said he believes these organizations and corporations will continue to stand together for years to come to help with the on-going restoration process of homes & businesses."

For information on how you can get involved in the fundraising efforts contact The Community Foundation at 951.684.4194.

freshman, "The UC system and UCR in particular is obligated to adopt proactive policy that encourages harmony, interdependence, mutual recognition and common purpose."

"We recognize the value of community participation," said Kathy Barton, UCR director of health affairs communication. "We will be consulting our community partners on a regular basis."

Events like this are important in reminding not only the administration but the community that inclusiveness is important, said Michael Dunn, professor emeritus

of bio chemistry. "If UCR is to succeed in bringing and sustaining the state's first public medical school in 40 years, inclusiveness must be incorporated in the initial planning stages - otherwise we can't trust it will happen."

In November 2006, the UC Regents approved a preliminary plan. A proposed curriculum is awaiting approval by the university's Academic Senate. Representatives developing a business plan project a price tag of nearly \$700 million in start up costs.

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emotionally charged discussion aimed at finding solutions to what many in the city's Westside describe as "dangerously explosive" relations between police and the city's Black community.

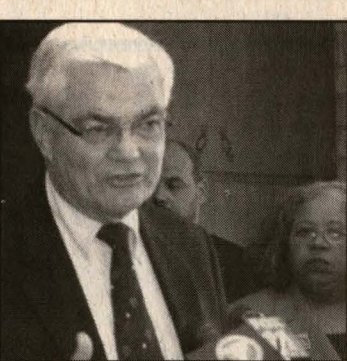
"Everybody in this room has a voice," Elisa Makunga, a federal mediator from the U.S. Department of Justice told the crowd. She got an earful.

"They patrol our neighborhoods looking for trouble. They crash our peaceful vigils; stalk and harass our children and our grandmothers. In their eyes every young Black male is a gang member; every luxury car is stolen and every house is a crack house; every resident on the street after dark is a prostitute or a drug dealer," McKenzie told listeners.

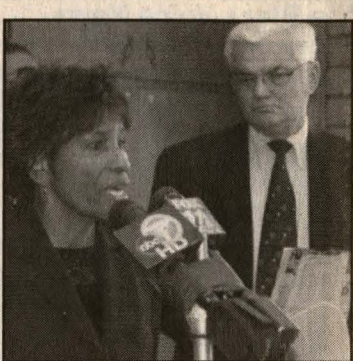
The 22 year old claims she and other residents were pepper sprayed and roughed up on Aug 19 when police crashed a curbside candlelight vigil for a 22 year old man slain the night before.

"When we call 911 to report gunfire they don't respond or worse they say, we'll send someone to collect the bodies after the shooting stops," said resident Pam Elliott

"I'm afraid to go out at night. I fear for my life," said 14- year-old



Riv. Mayor Ron Loveridge spoke during the press conference as Riverside NAACP president Waudier "Woodie" Rucker Hughes looks on.



Fair Housing Director, Rose Mayes discusses the negative effects sub-prime mortgages have had on the housing market as Mayor Loveridge looks on.

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Riverside NAACP President Woodie Rucker Hughes said the National NAACP has filed a class action lawsuit against sub-prime lenders who have steered African-Americans and other people of color into creatively financed

and risky loans. She urges contact the Riverside NAACP office for more information.

Moreno Valley homeowner Veronica Blankenship is a victim of the sub-prime crisis and at risk of losing her home. She attended the Jackson meeting looking for assistance. "I just need help before I lose my home, that's why I'm here," she told Rev. Jackson.

Chris Johnson. Johnson recalled a police incident while hanging out with friends on a Westside street corner recently.

"The police drove up - for no apparent reason. They said 'what are you doing'? I said just hanging out with my friends. They asked me - 'are you a gangbanger'? I told them no. They said 'what do you have in your pockets'? I said I don't have pockets. They kept saying 'show some ID'. I told them I'm only 14 I don't have ID. They threw me in the back of the police car and drove me home. The next day I was in foster care," Johnson told stunned listeners.

"If I run a traffic light, ticket me but don't shoot me. Every Black child who congregates on a street corner is not a criminal. Every Black man wearing a do rag and a gold chain is not a gang member," lamented Tommy Nelson, 52.

"They don't respect us. They don't know us," said Ruby Brown, who told listeners an officer pulled her over and questioned her about what she was doing as she drove to work before dawn recently.

The meeting comes on the heels of the Justice Department's investigation into excessive force by San Bernardino police officers as the city gears up to expand its crime-fighting Operation Phoenix program to the Westside.

"The young men are getting beat-

en and shot by police, then they go downtown, the judge says take this plea bargain," said resident Brenda Walker. "Operation Phoenix is a joke."

"The finger points both ways Rev. Reginald Beamon reminded listeners, "We want police to protect us but what are we doing to protect our children and our neighborhoods? Black men are killing their 'brethren', our neighborhoods are littered with drugs and thugs. We've also got to insist on change from within."

When Makunga urged listeners to generate ideas for improving police/community relations, the group listed several including the establishment of an oversight committee to review police misconduct complaints, rewarding officers who improve relations and hiring more Black officers.

"Generally residents agreed the meeting was a positive first step. "The goal is to open dialogue - it's difficult to fix these concerns without knowing what drives them," said Makunga.

Symposium co-organizer Rev. Bronica Martindale, said Makunga, along with community activists will compile resident's concerns and recommendations for improving relations. The report is scheduled to be presented to Mayor Pat Morris and Police Chief Mike Billdt January 15.

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At the bistro, the main course is a traditional surf & turf dish pairing an 8 ounce prime filet mignon with an 8 ounce south african rock lobster tail, roasted shallots mashed potato, haricot verts, roma tomato gratin, madero demi glace & drawn butter for \$65. Appetizers & dessert are extra. Reservations to players steakhouse & the bistro are recommended for new years eve dining. Call 760-342-5000.



Juanita BARNES

This is part of what Rev. James C. Matthews said today in my daily word: "THE WORD MADE FLESH" John 1:14 is one of the most revealing scriptures in the Bible. It not only reveals God himself having come as one of us, but a kingdom principle that God

intends for us to live by. This principle simply stated is: Every word God speaks he intends for it to be made flesh or manifest. If this is true, and believers desire to see God's word manifest in their lives, why is there so little manifestation taken place? Is it not that the word is impotent or insufficient? Far from it! The answer lies in our lack of understanding concerning the biblical principle and process by which God has ordained manifestation to accrue.

HELLO MORENO VALLEY!

This past Friday the Moreno



Wendy GLADNEY

This will be the last article before we celebrate Christmas and I wanted to stop and say thank you to all of the clients, friends, and people that have so graciously supported me and Personal

Services Plus Event Management Company over this past year. You are truly a "gift!" For us at PSP it has been a serious year of growth and transition and without all of your support, it would not have been possible.

As I reflect back, it has been about four months since I've been writing my article each week for the Black Voice News. I want to thank Mr. & Mrs. Brown, Paulette, and everyone at the paper for allowing me to share my thoughts and ideas regarding events and the community. I sincerely hope that not only will I be able to support my

Valley Black Chamber of Commerce celebrated their "Annual Christmas Mixer" at the Moreno Valley Conference Center. What a gala affair. It was well attended. The vendors were in the house with great things to buy and to learn about how to help you manifest the entrepreneur in you.

The fellowship and networking was off the hook. For information contact the chamber at (951) 697-7772. I was fortunate to share the table with the late Mr. Charles Ledbetter's daughter, Ms. Carla Thomas. Many of you remember Mr. Ledbetter. He was a writer for this paper. Also present were Mrs.

Shirleyne Bates, Ms. Sheka Tresville, Ms. Edna Littlejohn, Ms. Vivian Brock, Ms. Valarie Whye and Ms. Jacquelyn Gray. Moreno Valley Black Chamber of Commerce, a job well done. Looking forward to your next project.

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# Centennial Makes Championships Worthwhile

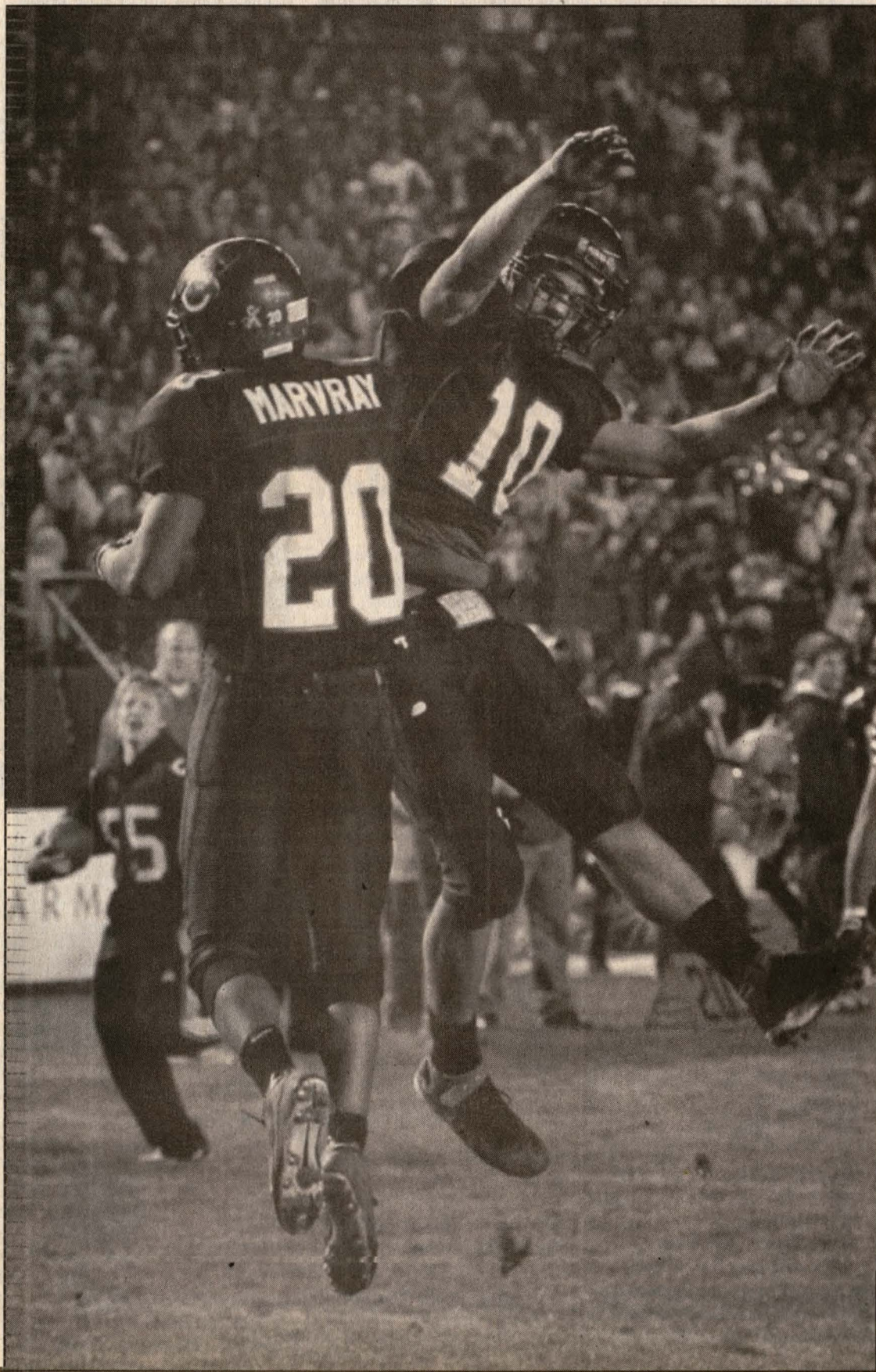


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**CATCHING AIR**-Centennial receiver Rick Marvray (20) and Quarterback Matt Scott(10) celebrate after the paired hooked-up on a 52-yard pass play to tie Saturdays State Championship game at 31-31. The Huskies lost 31-37.

*Huskies return from 24-point deficient, almost adding historic footnote to BCS Championships*

The Black Voice News

LOS ANGELES

By Gary Montgomery  
BVN Staff Writer

Fans of the Collegiate Bowl Championship Series must love what the CIF has concocted. CIF's version of the Bowl Championship Series has all of the same drama, intrigue and second guessing as its big brother, using a near identical version

of the NCAA's system. The CIF Bowl selection committee calls a huddle after the section championships are decided, they toss the top seven team names in a hat and pluck out a winner. Not exactly, but that's what some fans from the LA City Section suggested as they lobbied for LA's - Birmingham High School to get the nod.

Other teams considered were Bakersfield, El Dorado, J.W. North, Long Beach Poly and Poway of the San Diego Section. But in the end Corona Centennial (13-2) got

the invite primarily on the strength of their regular season schedule which included perennial powerhouse Santa Ana Mater Dei. Mater Dei gave the Huskies their only loss of the season in a shoot-out that saw Centennial roll-up over 600-yards of offense in a 37-51 loss. At the time Mater Dei was ranked number 2 in the state pools.

After losing to Mater Dei, the Huskies steamed through the remainder of the season averaging 51-points per game while holding opponents to an average of 9-points per game.

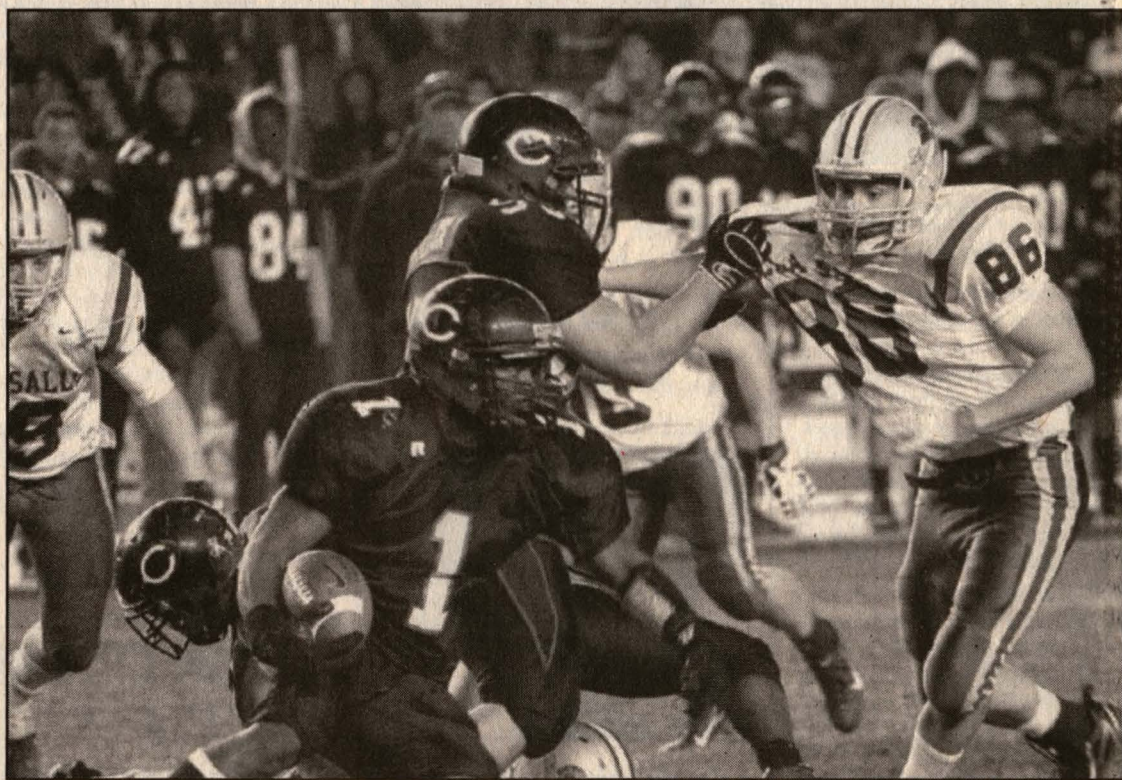


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**MOVING THE CHAINS**-Centennial's Ryan Bass slashes off tackle for a big gain in Saturday State Championship Finals. Bass finished with 36 carries for 133-yards and two touchdowns.

Centennial became the first Inland Empire school to play for the State Championship in only its second year back after an eighty year hiatus. In 2005, the CIF competition committee proposed a return of the State Championships and launched the inaugural game last season. Canyon Country, the 2006 winner upset Concord De La Salle 27-13 in the Division I title game.

With the Northern California fans for some reason chanting Beat LA, (Obviously not knowing where Corona was) the Spartans proceeded to try and run Centennial out of the arena by building a 24-7 half-time lead. De La Salle's spread offense and precision passing attack seemed to have the Huskies completely baffled. Not to help matters, Centennial turned the ball over three times in the first half, all leading to Spartans touchdowns.

Concord De La Salle is one of the most respected and revered programs in the country. They are always rated at or near the top of the prep polls. During former UCLA and current Jacksonville Jaguars star Maurice Drew's senior season, the Spartans ran up a 151 game winning streak. No high school football program in California has had more success and after losing in the Championship game last season the Spartans were set for revenge.

Not only was Centennial facing an experienced opponent with a chip on its shoulder, but it also needed to prove that their selection was warranted. The Huskies stormed out in the second half and scored 17 unanswered points to tie the game at 31-31. "We are a second half team. We came here to play and we proved that we belonged here," said senior linebacker Jerry Hardeman.

Late in the fourth quarter

down attempt and turned the ball over on downs ending their hopes of a State Championship for this season.

"We wanted to win a state championship. We played our hearts out, but it didn't happen," said Huskies receiver Ricky Marvray. Marvray's two second half touchdowns keyed the Huskies exciting come from behind effort.

"We started out a little bit slow and probably got too far

Da La Salle 37, Centennial 31

Ryan Bass slashed off tackle and broke a 65-yard scamper to the end zone but the play was nullified by a holding call. Two plays later a second holding call stalled the drive and gave the ball back to the Spartans who would score the go ahead touchdown with 5:09 left in the game making the score 31-37 after missing the extra point conversion.

"We made some key mistakes at crucial times in the game. They don't need that kind of help. They are too good to give them that kind of help," said Centennial coach Matt Logan.

Down by only 6-points, Centennial had a chance to win the game on its final drive. With the ball inside the Spartan 30-yard line the Huskies failed on a fourth

behind. We haven't played a tough game like this where we had to go all the way since the Mater Dei game. That could have hurt us a little," said Huskies quarterback Matt Scott. "We played hard and represented the IE. They are a great team and you can't take anything away from them," continued Scott.

The CIF competition committee will meet next week to determine the future of the Bowl Championship Series. Although, there is no indication which way the committee might vote, it would be a shame to see the Championship Series go away for other 80-years.

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## DA Moves to Dismiss Charges

## Granddaughter Reflects on Historic Tulsa Riot Case

The Black Voice News

By Lea Michelle Cash

On May 31, 1921 and the first day of June, 1921 the worse race riot in the history of America occurred. Eighty-six years ago, charges were filed against fifty-five defendants for unlawfully, knowingly, willfully, riotously and feloniously assembling together, armed with rifles, shotguns, pistols, razors and other deadly weapons, to disturb the public peace and quiet serenity of the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

While acting in concert, each with the other, did congregate and assemble themselves together in and upon the public streets, avenues, alleys and other places of the City of Tulsa as arms aforesaid, shot and kill one Walter Diggs and shot, wounded and injured numerous other peaceable citizens of the City of Tulsa, County of Tulsa, State of Oklahoma.

A hearing on the motion to dismiss all charges was held at the Greenwood Cultural Center in Tulsa located at 322 North Greenwood on December 11, 2007. District Judge, the Honorable Jesse Harris presided at the historic hearing.

My grandfather, Julius Warren Wiggings was born in Jacksonville, Florida in 1888, the year that incumbent President Grover Cleveland lost to Indiana senator, Benjamin Harrison who became the 23rd President of the United States. As a young child he was raised by his grandparents in Everett, Massachusetts and given the name of Warren Ramsey, which name he kept until the year 1909.

In 1909, Warren became a professional boxer and changed his name professionally to "Jack Scott". His career as a professional boxer took him all over the country and despite segregation, discrimination, cheating and crooked managers who often times did not pay what was promised, he managed to save and wisely invest his earnings. On May 2, 1917 in Little Rock, Arkansas he married Daisy Levester (Dixon) Hurst and the newlyweds moved and settled in Tulsa, Oklahoma to raise their family.

On May 31, 1921, Scott was one of the many brave Black men who stood on Tulsa's Courthouse stairs to protect a young Black male from being lynched. What happened on that explosive historical day is recorded to be the worst race riot in the history of America.

In 1921 throughout the State of Oklahoma, Blacks were being lynched. In one report it is noted



Photo courtesy of Lea Cash  
Julius Wiggings and wife

that Tulsa's Police Chief John Gustafson and Sheriff Woolley claimed regarding an earlier August 1920 lynching that it shows criminals "that the men of Tulsa mean business."

According to historian Scott Ellsworth's, Tulsa Race Riot report, Blacks began to question if another mob ever gathered in Tulsa to lynch someone else, who was going to stop them? These brave men were Black men, mostly World War I veterans. They assembled to stop the White mob from lynching Dick Rowland, 19 who was arrested for being in an elevator, and when the elevator jerked, he accidentally fell upon a 17 year-old Sarah Page, the female elevator operator. She screamed. The riots were started by news reports of wealthy White oilmen and citizens (many Klansmen) who threatened to lynch yet another Black man accused of raping a White woman, charges Miss Page never filed.

Thirty-five city blocks burned to the ground, completely devastating more than a thousand Black families, leaving them homeless and displaced. The prosperous area in which they had lived known as "The Greenwood District" and "Black Wall Street" was gone over night. Gone were the many brick homes, the buildings, the markets and businesses, the sandwich shops, the hamburger and juke

joints, the 750 seat Dreamland Theater, the library, the churches, the Gurley and Stafford hotels, the Black newspaper establishments. Gone was the booming commercial district along Greenwood Ave noted to be an American success story.

Days after the destructive and deadly race riot, when the facts were sorted out, the falsely accused Black youth, Rowland, was released. He was completely innocent of the charges of attempted rape. It is reported that the Tulsa County officials put him secretly on an outbound train because they could not protect him from Tulsa citizens now infuriated that his innocence came to place Tulsa in a terrible light, for having burned to the ground the entire prosperous Black Greenwood district. According to reports, not confirmed, Dick Rowland lays somewhere out of state in an unmarked grave.

Making the injustice even worse, claims filed by Blacks for damages and losses were never honored. Lives further destroyed and history forgotten. The Tulsa Race Riot Commissioners are still seeking reparations for the race riot victims, survivors and their descendants.

Harris stated, "I decided to file the motion in the best interest of justice. It is my hope that dismissal of charges against all defendants

will reaffirm our commitment to the Rule of Law and help to promote racial healing in our community." He continued, "I believe it is important to recognize the atrocities and devastation that occurred during this shameful event."

Previous to the DA's decision, he was contacted by co-founder of Uncrown Queens Institute, Dr. Barbara Nevergold. She had been doing research on the life of Andrew Jackson Smitherman, a prominent Black publisher in Buffalo, New York. Smitherman in 1921 was the publisher of the Tulsa Star, a Black newspaper, and staunch advocate for the rights of Black citizens. He was one of the individuals indicted for the riot. He posted bail and fled Tulsa with his wife and five children.

Dr. Nevergold inquired about having Smitherman's name cleared. A similar request was made by the descendants of prominent Black businessman, J.B. Stradford and in 1996 his charges were dropped.

Harris stated, "As I study the records and report released by the Tulsa Race Riot Commission, it becomes clear to me that the Rule of Law which governs our search for the truth in our criminal justice system broke down during this tragic event and justice would be best served if changes were dismissed against not only Smitherman, but all defendants."

My grandparents lost everything they owned in the fateful burning down of segregated Tulsa. My grandfather although indicted, did not flee Tulsa like many others. Instead the family lived in a tent and tried to rebuild their lives, much later purchased land located on N. Greenwood Place, minutes away from the historic Greenwood district. On this land, Scott built three small wood framed houses (shacks) and a small general store. He and his family lived in one and the other two houses were rented to others. He retired from boxing and placed a boxing ring in the yard where he openly trained young boxers.

Jack and Daisy Scott had twelve children (one died in infancy) of which were raised in the City of Tulsa. Inspired by Alex Haley's "Roots" it is my mother, Altamese Marion Scott who has kept the family legacy alive and has passed it on to me. The Scott family history continues to unfold, a process in motion.

Jack Scott died on April 26, 1964, a laborer, in that same house that he built after the devastating race riot decades earlier. He never received compensation for insurance claims filed in 1921 for his race riot losses in the amount of \$48,980.50.

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# WOW!! The Color Purple Wows Audience



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The Black Voice News

LOS ANGELES

By Cheryl Brown

The audience was standing up cheering and clapping not only at the end of the fantastic production of Alice Walker's *The Color Purple* but also during the musical's moving, exciting, dancing, toe tapping, amen shouting songs giving it the WOW !! factor.

In an unofficial poll of about 30 people leaving the theatre on a scale of one to ten nearly everyone said 10+.

Accolades are due to actress Jeannette Bayardelle, as Celie, who carried the show. Exceptional performances were also given by Felicia P. Field as Sofia and Michelle Williams who played Shug Avery. Still they could not have done it without the masterful Ole Mister (Rufus Bonds, Jr.) the

character most wanted to hate because of the way he treated Celie. But redemption is a testament to the power of forgiveness. The story is based on the novel by Alice Walker. The stage play is produced by Oprah Winfrey, who made her film debut in the film version, directed by Steven Spielberg.

"All I know is, the musical is brilliant, the sets and set changing was masterful and the actors had

amazing voices. You have to go see what happened to Nettie and to Celie's children who were fathered by her step father. The brilliance of the scene only added to Alice Walker's original vision," said Inland Empire resident James Lee

If you see *The Color Purple* you will see why it has the WOW factor.



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L to R -- Jeannette Bayardelle (Celie) and Michelle Williams (Shug Avery) in "The Color Purple," The Musical About Love.

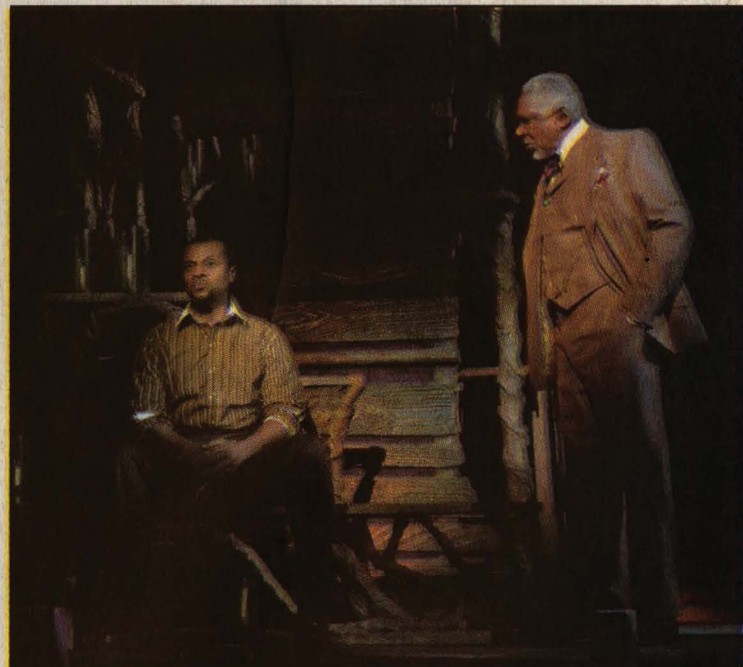


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CLOSEOUT SALE 36 AC - \$29,900. Price is drastically reduced by motivated seller. Beautiful setting with fresh mountain air. Abundant wildlife. Secluded with good access. Financing available. Eureka Springs Ranch is offered by AZLR. ADWR report avail. Call 1-877-301-5263. (Cal-SCAN)

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PRICED FOR QUICK SALE - Nevada 5 acres - \$19,900. Beautiful building site with electric & county maintained roads. 360 degree views. Great recreational opportunities. Financing available. Call now! 1-877-349-0822. (Cal-SCAN)

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR MINORITY CHILDREN

MINORITY CHILDREN'S PROGRESS 27344 Arta St. Moreno Valley, CA 92555

Pearl Blutt (NMN) 27344 Arta St. Moreno Valley, CA 92555

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DREAM LEGACY 1426 W. 6th St. Ste. 202-C

### Fictitious Business Name Statements

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec. 1440 et. seq. b & p code) Statement filed with the County of Riverside on 11/15/07.

I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the Office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (See Section 14411, Et Seq., Business and Professions Code).

Larry W. Ward, County Clerk  
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#### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME AND GENDER

CASE NUMBER RIC 485926  
To all interested persons: Petitioner: Lawrence Wayne Nivens has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing petitioner's name to: Lana Colleen Lawless. Petitioner has also filed a petition for a decree changing petitioner's gender from male to female and for the issuance of a new birth certificate reflecting the gender and name changes. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition should not be granted. Notice of Hearing Date: Jan. 08, 2008. Time: 8:30 a.m., Dept.: 3. The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of Riverside, 4050 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92501, Riverside Court. A copy of this order to show cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Black Voice News, 4290 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, CA 92501. Date: Nov. 26, 2007. Stephen D. Cunnison, Judge of the Superior Court.

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BELAK PINNACLE 1426 W. 6th St. Ste. 202-B Corona, CA 92882

Silky Cigar, Inc. 1426 W. 6th St. Ste. 202-B Corona, CA 92882 CALIFORNIA

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: EVERGREEN TOOL WORKS 11412 Arizona Ave. Riverside, CA 92503

P.O. Box 70295 Riverside, CA 92513

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Larry W. Ward, County Clerk  
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: UP YOUR ALLEY 41973 8th Street Temecula, CA 92590

Cathie Bjorklund 39480 Avenida Bopla Temecula, CA 92592

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BABY BURRITO 8675 Tropicana Drive Riverside, CA 92504

Haley Anna Salazar 15181 Van Buren Blvd. #252 Riverside, CA 92504

This business is conducted by a General Partnership. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name(s) listed above. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true, information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) s/ Haley Salazar

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THUNDER ROCK CONSULTING 10811 Cleveland Ave. Riverside, CA 92503

Jason Edwin Williams 10811 Cleveland Ave. Riverside, CA 92503

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Uday Nandlal Shah DDS, Inc. 3630 Rio Ranch Rd. Corona, CA 92882 CALIFORNIA

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Employment Opportunities 943

# Come Join The Riverside County Sheriff's Department



The Riverside County Sheriff's Department currently offers **Hiring Retention Bonuses** for the following positions:

**Sheriff 911 Communications Officer I**

Upon Hire - \$800	36 Months - \$3,200
6 Months - \$800	48 Months - \$3,200
12 Months - \$1,600	60 Months - \$3,200
24 Months - \$3,200	

**\$16,000 Total**

**Correctional Cook**

Upon Hire - \$500	36 Months - \$2,000
6 Months - \$500	48 Months - \$2,000
12 Months - \$1,000	60 Months - \$2,000
24 Months - \$2,000	

**\$10,000 Total**

**Correctional Senior Food Service Worker**

Upon Hire - \$500	36 Months - \$2,000
6 Months - \$500	48 Months - \$2,000
12 Months - \$1,000	60 Months - \$2,000
24 Months - \$2,000	

**\$10,000 Total**

• Hire/Retention Bonus for Qualified Candidates Only - Paid Over Five Year Period.

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SEASON

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God's infinite love was given through the family of Mary and Joseph.

"The story of the Christ child, blessed by God yet born in the shadow of poverty and violence is our story. Christmas is not about things or Santa Claus or reindeer. It's a serious drama of emancipation about a people who believed in change so profoundly that they changed the Roman Empire, as the slaves and sons and daughters of slaves changed America and emancipated themselves.

"As Christians we have an obligation to respect humanity, give to the poor, care for the sick and give to the church. In turn the church must reclaim its tradition of building a strong spiritual workforce and caring for the flock," he said. "The church is always at its best when it demonstrates love and care."

On the question of gift giving Munford sees earthy valuations as blessings that must be kept in

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perspective and given in moderation.

"I don't think Jesus would say - don't give gifts at Christmas, the wise men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. We exchange gifts as feeble ways of expressing our love for one another."

He says amid the excitement of preparing for the season: Christmas hymns, the traditions,

the foods, and all that come with the season, African-American ancestors had another hope in mind that hope was for freedom.

We must never forget Christmas is a sacred time, a holy time, a time of prayer, worship and gratitude. The spirituality within us contains the same hope that carried our forefathers through the trials and tribulations of slavery, discrimination,

prejudice and all other forms of inhumane treatment to the triumph of freedom and "Peace on Earth."

"The African-American religious tradition is a blessing to all peoples," said Munford "because it requires us to remember that Jesus of Nazareth really did revolutionize the world."

Ecclesia Christian Fellowship  
presents  
2007 Christmas Services  
Sunday, December 23 @ 8:30am  
Christmas Jazz & 3 Preachers  
For information call (909) 881-5551

CLOUDS

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soul-saving, joy-inducing, ice-melting music. More than 35 albums and three Grammys punctuate the group's resume, and they have shared the stage with icons including the Rolling Stones, Paul Simon, Aretha Franklin and James Brown. Church gigs and White House invitations line Mighty Clouds of Joy's long career, while they consistently released simultaneously hip and authentic gospel hits.

Pastor Marvin Winans first gained recognition as an original member of ground-breaking

familial quartet The Winans. Marvin Winans channeled his musical gifts into an impressive stream of outlets including song-writing, vocal dynamics, keyboards, production, the big screen and, most recently, work as a solo artist. As a producer,

his credits include fellow honoree Vanessa Bell Armstrong. An active pastor, Winans has also recorded performances by the Perfected Praise Choir, featuring fresh arrangements and new hooks.

Christ In Us The Hope of Glory Church  


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Apostle Charles & Prophetess Renée Willis  
Pastors

Worship Service Sunday 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon  
Central Park (Crafters Den)  
11200 Baseline Rd.  
Rancho Cucamonga, CA  
(NW Corner of Milliken and Baseline)

Bible Study  
Wednesday 5:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Central Park (Crafters Den)  
(909) 481-3836

Upcoming BVN Specials

You can participate as an individual or a group. All messages must be submitted by Monday, 12:30 pm to be published in the following Thursday's issue. Just submit your "Thank You," "Congratulations," or "Best Wishes" message and we will do the rest. The special issue dates and content are as follows:

January 24 MLK Special

For more information regarding special rates, please call The Black Voice News Office at (951) 682-6070.

Riverside Light of the World Church of God in Christ

*Ye are the Light of The World*  
Matt 5:14



Superintendent Lawrence C. & Olivia Ash

951.686.1757

LIGHT OF THE WORLD COGIC - 5595 MOLINA WAY - RIVERSIDE, CA 92509  
P.O. BOX 3416 - RIVERSIDE, CA 92509-3416

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Worship Service  
Sunday School • 9:30 AM  
Morning Worship • 11:00 AM  
Sunday Evening • 6:00 PM

Thursday  
Prayer + Bible Study • 6:00 PM  
Mid Week Worship • 7:00 PM

Friday  
Noon Day Prayer • 12:00 NOON

BackStage Restaurant

3597 Main St.  
Riverside, CA 9250  
Telephone: 951.682.8591

Thursday's is going to be the new night for Onna's Poetry Group....AKA "Five Minutes" The format is a mixture of Jazz, Poetry, & Spoken word...

Good News Community Church

Full Gospel Baptist Fellowship  
178 Iowa Ave.  
Riverside, CA 92507  
951.683.2916

Weekly Services

Morning Worship 11:30 am  
Bible Study (Tues.) 7:00 pm  
Choir Rehearsal (Thurs.) 7:00 pm

  
Pastor & Mrs. Levonzo Gray, Sr.

Temple Missionary Baptist Church

1583 W. Union Street  
San Bernardino, CA 92411  
(909) 888-2038

ORDER OF SERVICES

Sunday Worship Services 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 A.M.  
Communion First Sunday after each service  
Sunday School 8 A.M., 9:45 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.  
Baptism 2nd & 4th Sunday 9:30 A.M.  
3rd & 5th Sunday 11:30 A.M.  
New Member Orientation Wednesday Night 6:00PM.  
Mid-Week Worship Service Wednesday Night 7:00PM.  
Right Hand of Fellowship Wednesday Night 7:00PM.

  
Pastor Raymond and Cheryl Turner

Jubilee House of Praise for ALL Nations

1265 S. Fillmore Ave., Rialto CA 92376  
(951) 662-3383  
E-Mail: Hjubilee@aol.com  
Senior Pastor & Visionary Prophetess R. R. Lindsay, D.D.

WEEKLY SERVICES

Daily Intercessory Prayer	5:00 AM
Sunday Intercessory Prayer	9:00 AM
Sunday Impact Institute & Leadership Development	9:30 AM
Sunday Victorious Celebration & Worship	10:30 AM
Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study	7:00 PM
Prayer Fellowship & Potluck	3rd Saturdays

RIALTO CHRISTIAN CENTER

"Worshipping in Spirit & in Truth" John 4:24  
234 W. Merrill Ave. Rialto CA 92376  
P.O. Box 1615 Rialto CA 92377  
Udellsr@aol.com  
www.RCCSpiritalandTruth.org  
(909) 873-5380

Order of Services

Sunday School	9:00 am
Worship Service	10:30 am
Miracle Monday Prayer	10:00 am
Tuesday Bible Study	6:30 pm
Wednesday Prayer	6:30 pm

Radio Broadcast KPRO 1570 AM - Sat. 12:00 pm

  
Pastor Darryl J. Udell Sr.  
Co-Pastor Rita Udell

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Victory Temple of Deliverance Church

Sunday School 10am  
Sunday AM Service 11am-1:30pm  
Sunday PM Service 6pm  
Wednesday Bible Study 7pm

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653-8680 FAX

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Corner Heacock & Alessandro Right Behind Taco Bell

  
Randy D. Triplett  
Pastor & Founder  
District Elder

Antioch Missionary Baptist Church

7547 Emerald Street  
Riverside, CA.  
(951) 688-7872

Rev. M. W. Riley, Pastor

Equipping Disciples for Kingdom Building

Weekly schedule of events


Sunday	9:30	Hour of Power
	11:00	Worship Hour
Wednesday		Noon day Prayer
Friday	7:30	Bible Study/Prayer
	7:30	Youth Night

MT CALVARY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

"YOU ARE WORTHY, O LORD, TO RECEIVE GLORY AND HONOR AND POWER, FOR YOU CREATED ALL THINGS, AND BY YOUR WILL THEY EXIST AND WERE CREATED." REV. 4:11

5476 34th Street, Riverside, Ca 92509  
Pastor Henry L. Combs Jr. (951) 781-0443  
Administrative Office (951) 684-6480

Sunday School ..... 9:30 am  
Sunday Worship ..... 11:00 am  
Tuesday Bible Study ..... 7:00 pm  
Brotherhood (1st Saturdays) ..... 8:30 am  
Youth Night (4th Friday) ..... 6:00 pm


  
Pastor Henry Combs Jr. and wife Cassandra

The Centre

san bernardino christian centre

Services

Sunday	8:00am	Hour of Power
Sunday	10:30am	Worship/Celebration
Tuesday	7:00pm	Bible Study
Thursday	11:00am	Bible Study

  
Phillip & Denise Powell  
Senior Pastor & First Lady

1672 Palm Ave., Highland, CA 92346  
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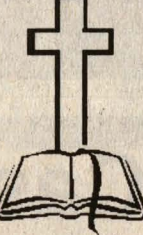
Weekly Service

SATURDAY

Fellowship, Prayer & Bible Study	9:30 am
Praise Service & Divine Worship	11:00 am
Youth Service	5:00 pm


WEDNESDAY

Feeding Program	5:00 pm
Bible Study & Prayer	7:00 pm

  
Rev. Robert Edwards

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Sunday School	9:30AM
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Sunday Night Service	7:00PM

Tuesday Night Pastoral Teaching  
Bible Study 8:00PM

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Children's Church	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.

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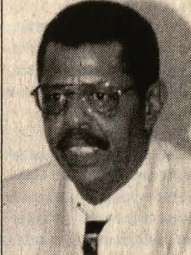
  
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Sunday Worship Service 10:30 AM  
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM  
Thursday Bible Study 10:00 AM

  
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# More than 6,000,000 Californians don't have health insurance

Over the next few weeks, we'll bring you some of their stories...

**M**y name is Cassandra Bedford. I am a SEIU - United Long-Term Care Workers' Union member and homecare worker. I suppose there are lots of things I could hope for this holiday season. But as I gather with my family and see their needs, the idea of wanting something materialistic for myself vanishes. What I really want this Christmas is stability for my children and grandchildren — what I really want for them is health insurance.

My daughter Latifah is 25, and has one child and another on the way. She doesn't have health insurance. Like me, she provides long-term care to the elderly in their homes, but unlike me, she works for a private company that doesn't provide her medical benefits for herself or children. Like many without insurance, she doesn't go to the doctor unless it's a last resort. Recently, she encountered one of these last resort situations. Suffering from a urinary tract infection for more than a month, the pain finally got so bad that she broke down and went to the hospital. She got the necessary treatment, and the doctor warned never to let it go untreated that long again. The emergency room bill is in the thousands.

When you're poor, the thought of tackling another bill, much less one so enormous, is petrifying. My daughter knows she can't pay it, and despite knowing that ignoring it will damage her credit, she feels she doesn't have a choice. It's feed her baby, pay her rent and keep the electricity on, or pay a giant medical corporation. What would you do?



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## Mighty Clouds of Joy Honored as Trailblazers

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PALM SPRINGS

BMI will honor gospel greats Vanessa Bell Armstrong, Mighty Clouds of Joy and Pastor Marvin Winans at its ninth Annual Trailblazers of Gospel Music Awards Luncheon on Friday, Jan. 11, 2008. The ceremony will take place at Rocketown (401 6th Avenue South) in Nashville. The invitation-only celebration will host gospel music's premier songwriters, recording artists and music industry executives, as well as the genre's legends.



Mighty Clouds of Joy

Contemporary and traditional gospel bridge builder Vanessa Bell Armstrong first entranced

Gospel circles in the early 1980s. Her Onyx debut, Peace Be Still, yielded a title track that immediately and eternally resonates with listeners. A native of Detroit and mother of five, Armstrong has generated seven Grammy nominations, enjoyed mainstream chart

success and side stepped into a role on Broadway. Her latest project, 2007's Walking Miracle, finds Armstrong continuing to inspire, reflect, unify and praise.

Legendary group Mighty Clouds of Joy must smile when they look back on 48 years of

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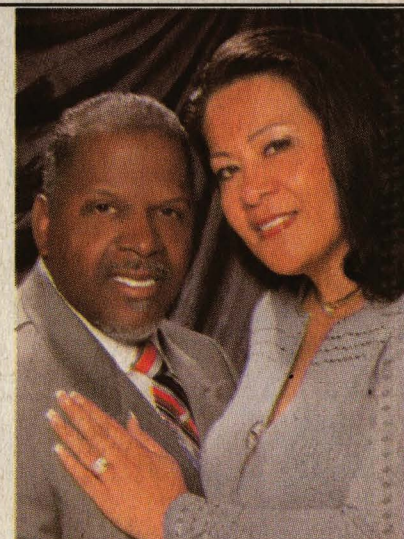
#### Sunday Services

Early Morning Worship 7:30 am  
Sunday School 9:00 am  
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#### Wednesday Services

Prayer Services 7:00 pm  
Bible Study 7:45 pm

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Sunday School 9:45 am  
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Vision Concepts New Members Class 9:00 am  
Faith and Baptism New Community Class 9:00 am  
Sunday Community Worship Celebration 10:00 am  
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Women Seeking Christ (WSC) 7:00 pm  
Mar4matron (M4M) 7:00 pm  
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